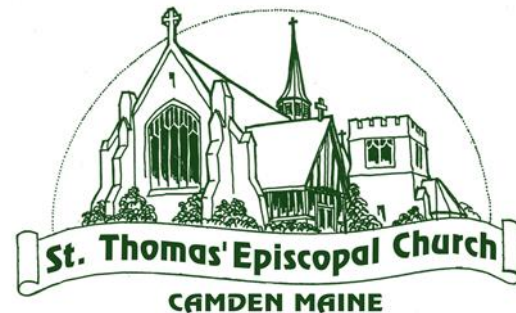


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**Tidings**

**Sunday, September 2, 2018**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. Everyone is welcome! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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### **We Have A New Administrative Assistant**



Please welcome Raylene Hunt with a warm St. Thomas' welcome. She comes to us after having worked with Home-schoolers of Maine as a virtual Administrative

Assistant and as an educational consultant, as well as being a Trustee for the Camden-Rockport Historical Society. She will be working from 9-3 Tuesday through Friday.

### **Family Friendly Eucharist Once a Month to begin**

The Christian Education committee has now met twice, and we are again looking at the possibility of hiring someone to coordinate K-12 Christian Education, and assist in teaching the 8-12 year olds. While it is not possible to change our budget for this year, we would like to see it in the budget for next year.

Karen Colburn will continue to offer Godly Play (beginning Sept 9) for children up to 7 years of age. The parents have offered to keep their older children in church for a couple of months, going over the bible lessons for the week at home, and encouraging them to participate fully.

For the next two months- and hopefully longer—St Thomas' will offer a family -friendly Eucharist on or near the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month which will: encourage the older kids to take on the ushering, lecturing, and acolyting during the 9:30 service, and will give me to opportunity to program a child friendly sermon which I think the adults will enjoy too. **The first Family-Friendly Eucharist will be on September 9, (the Sunday after the Labor Day weekend) and the second one will be on October 7.**

We are all very excited about where the Children's Ministry at St. Thomas' is heading and would welcome additional input and volunteers. Lisa+

### **Parish Meeting Called**

**Parish Meeting to discuss possibility of the new service time for the Second Service.** Come hear why Mother Lisa thinks this change will benefit St. Thomas'. Put it on your calendar—September 16. Meeting will be after the coffee hour. Join the discussion!

### **Food Pantry**

**Please remember to bring donations this Sunday, September 2, for the Food Pantry.** Any personal hygiene items or non-perishable foods would be helpful. Of particular

need: hearty soups, cereals, baked beans, baking mixes, spaghetti sauce, soups, soups, soups, rice and canned vegetables or fruits. Please check the expiration dates. You can also make a cash donation using the specially marked envelopes in the pew racks.

### **Hunger in Maine**

**Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm at the Camden Public Library, there will be a talk on hunger.** Hunger is a significant problem in Maine. More than 16 percent of the population here is food insecure, including one in five children.

Maine ranks seventh in the nation for food insecurity and first in New England. Food insecurity affects the health and well-being of our neighbors in every community, and impacts issues like education, healthcare, workforce development, and economic prosperity.

Good Shepherd Food Bank, Maine's largest hunger-relief organization, is poised to help solve this problem. Join President Kristen Miale to learn more about the Food Bank's multi-year plan to end hunger in Maine by 2025.

# Calendar

## Today's Music Pentecost 15 Sunday, September 2, 2018

Today's Music is on vacation! I am with Alexander, Alayna and Zoë in Portland, Oregon. Thank you, Suzanne Scott, for filling in on the bench! Will return to the bench by Sunday, September 9, 2018.

Jane Schroeder  
Minister of Music

### Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Stormy Bok, Seana Roubinek, Pat Olds, Paul Whittaker, Carolyn Morris, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Darlene, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Jean Harper, Abby Neal, Francesca Bero, Mary, Susan, Jeremiah Swett, Dustin, Marcie Vega.

### This Sunday

September 2, 2018:  
The Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** JoAnne Ryan, Terry Mello; **Prayers of the People:** Edmund Hartt; **Usher:** Bert Ryan

**9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Polly Chatfield, Barbara Lawrence; **Prayers of the People:** Roy Gilly; **Acolytes:** TBA; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson, Roy Gilly

### Next Sunday

September 9, 2018:  
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Pam Bardon, Paul Holman; **Prayers of the People:** Sandy Lyle; **Usher:** Tom Crowley

**9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Kristian Kibler; **Lectors:** Sarah Groman, Bob Bannon; **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan Bowley; **Acolytes:** TBA; **Ushers:** Michael Moore, Ed Williamson

### What's Where

Our Sunday School and Nursery rooms are located past the sun room. Turn right. The *Blue Room* is the Nursery; the *Yellow Room* is the Sunday School room. Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional rest rooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on your left).

### Sunday, September 2

The Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

**7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

(Coffee Hour follows)

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

**9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, EOW II**

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

### Monday, September 3

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

### Tuesday, September 4

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

10:00 am—Tai Chi for Wellness—  
Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

### Wednesday, September 5

**9:30 am—Service of Holy Eucharist with Healing—Chapel**

10:15 am—Fellowship—Sun Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

### Thursday, September 6

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

### Friday, September 7

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

### Saturday, September 8

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

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